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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, DM

SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: COTONOU FM 1, 6 JAN 76

1. BEFORE SMITHSONIAN CAN SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH SPONSORS BOOKING BENIN FOLK ARTISTS FOR TOUR AFTER FESTIVAL, IT MUST HAVE SOME WRITTEN CONFIRMATION GOB INTENDS ACCEPTING SMITHSONIAN INVITATION.

2. INITIALLY, REAGON VERBAL UNDERSTANDING WITH MINISTER OF POPULAR CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS CALLED FOR FIELD RESEARCH BEING CONCLUDED IN DECEMBER, GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING SMITHSONIAN INVITATION BY JANUARY FIRST. SLIPPAGE HAS OCCURRED BOTH SIDES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE USIS BEST EFFORTS OBTAIN SOME WRITTEN CONFIRMATION GOB INTENTION PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL AND SUBSEQUENT TOUR OF U.S. CITIES, IN FRENCH OR ENGLISH. SUCH LETTER COULD BE SENT VIA USIS COTONOU OR VIA BENIN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. SISCO

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